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Minutes of the Meeting of the TBEP held
on 26th September 2019.

Those present - John Orr (Chair) Lesley
Benny (Secretary) Liz C. Silva, Bill Fuller,
Ben Ellis, Tina Douglas, Len Rock, Cliff Green,
Antonia Lifer, Rosey Edwards, Terry Weller,
Debbie Weller, Rosemary Englander, Newcastle
Galloway, Sheila Taylor, Daniel Lee,
Lina Vachon, Alex W.

Guest - Nigel Long - Cabinet Member for
^{and representation}
Leisure, for the Council.
Apologies - None

Minutes of the last Meeting

Read and approved.

John introduced Nigel Long - previously
our Parish Councillor in 1987 and he
opened the Summer Fair amongst many other
duties.

Nigel had divided his talk into 2 parts.

1) Housing Strategy -

Financing

There are 2 pots of money available.

Firstly, the Housing Revenue Account,

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which is only used to maintain the Standard of the Council House -
This fund is in relatively good shape.

Secondly, the General Fund, which looks after roads, schools, and non council housing. This money comes from the Council Tax.

This fund is not in good shape. The Council used to get a grant from the Treasury, but this no longer happens.

There are 5 waste streams to be considered.

1) Homelessness

Most of those affected are families who have been ~~affected~~ ^{evicted} by private landlords.

The fund used to help the homeless is the General Fund and is £2½ million overspent.

2) New Building

The Building money comes from the Housing Revenue Account and £120,000,000 is to be spent on building 500 properties or more.

3) Council House Investment Programme

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\$165,000,000 has been amassed in the HRA and will be used to bring up to standard the council houses which have been so badly neglected for the last 40 years by the Council. The programme will take 5 years.

- 4) Regeneration - 5 of the estates due for regeneration will not now be touched.

Parsons Brinckerhoff is about to go to build an regeneration.

They have 4 options ranging in cost from \$10 million - \$100 million.

Serpentine Court has voted for demolition and re-building.

- 5) Housing Strategy

You must have an effective housing strategy.

There are many problems in Hk.

- 1) Homeslessness (as previously mentioned)

- 2) Affordable Housing

There has been a big failure to deliver this and this means 80% of market rents.

There is a big dispute going on between the housing and planning departments.

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3) A lot of of housing in the private (private)
is misused.

The rest of Europe does not
have this problem.

Q What are the Council doing to
stop homelessness through evictions
from private landlords?

A The Council should be working with
private landlords.

John stated that the Council are
proposing to recruit somebody to do
this and they are looking to top-up
the rents for Council houses.

Perie stated that there is a failure on
the part of the Council to provide statutory
services.

John replied that ^{you} Mike was forced
and then scrapped because it wasn't
working and then he used Housing
Officers were recruited to the Council.

Milton Keynes Development Partnership
is buying up land and building
non-affordable (affordable) housing or
private hospitals (for example) and this
is not good use of land. They have
control of the land and are milking
around I say Mike.

Nigel felt that ~~they~~ this was

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Very many.

Q/ cliff asked "Why was MKDP allowed to be an LLP?"

A/ Nigel was not sure, but thought that it was the only way to buy the land.

Open Spaces

There needs to be a balance between keeping open spaces and building properties.

On the Lakes Estate, options are being expanded and there will be some areas of open space added.

Nettfield

There are proposals for building on the Cripps Lodge and Buckland Lodge sites.

The residents will decide what happens and they are backing the problems that are there, rather than knocking places down.

Tulver Bridge

There will be options done - School is in a poor state.

The \$165 million building plan has started, but it is not yet known when Tulver Bridge will be involved. It was stated that the most important task should be consultation.

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Housing and Planning Services.

These need to work together to bring about good results.

The Tories ripped out the cone of the cone of the housing services and there is no capacity to build new homes or to oversee the development process.

The Housing Strategy is a whole city approach and the Labour and Liberal Democrats are working together on the plan etc.

Health and Wellbeing Strategy

The first priority is to create ~~good~~ great places to live; to have council houses on every new estate; to have good open spaces, amenities and infrastructure.

2nd area is to increase housing supply from the General Fund, HRA and Pooled Funding.

Affordable Housing and Council housing.

3rd area:

A Safe and Secure mixture of supply

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4th area. High Quality homes and
 Landlord Services and respectful
 treatment of Tenants.

The question was asked - do we want
 to see more council housing? -
 and do we think that council should
 employ builders and painters?
 also How do we decide who is
 allocated the council housing?
 Should we prioritize the disabled,
pregnancies etc.

Ngel Allocation Strategy

Council proposes that priority is
 linked to people's income - e.g. a family
 earning \$40,000 a year, will not be
 entitled to a council house.

The rent is governed by the government.

Some people get very good treatment
 from the council whilst others don't.
 We have to change how we
 treat people.

Regeneration Strategy

This needs to be revisited.
 The Principles are that regeneration
 does not mean demolition.

a. How is regeneration going on TB. →

A In 1990 - funding was secured from the European Funding to do rep properties on T.B.

Tom suggested that part of the £165m could be spent on retrofitting the houses on T.B.

Nigel asked if the decent homes standard was sufficient.

The answer was no, so the funds that there is a spending ability to do more.

The meeting ended with a request from Shireen that the grant for the Halloween event provided by the Working Group had not been mentioned at the AGM.

The meeting agreed that the AGM minutes be amended.

The meeting closed at 9 p.m.
